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ROBERT LOWELL: 'quieted down poetry', at a sacrifice. (See Review, editorial section). Photo by King

Commission Created Here To Aid Civil Rights Cause

By JIM SPENCER

A commission to study what Middlebury College can do to further civil rights has been created in the wake of the King assassination. President Armstrong announced his intention to appoint such a commission at the memorial service for Dr. King on Monday, April 8.

The group will include members of the administration, faculty and student body. Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien and Vice President Walter E. Brooker will represent the administration. Three or four members of the faculty are to be appointed to the Commission by President Armstrong. The Student Life Committee will submit the names of four students to be on the Commission. The students will be selected on the basis of sincere interest and ability to contribute to the Commission. As to the question of Negro members, Dean O'Brien commented that evidence of interest and "usefulness to the Commission" would be the prime considerations in selecting such members.

Curriculum

The Commission intends to focus on a number of areas in which the college can be particularly effective in aiding the Civil Rights cause. Certain changes in the curriculum will probably be considered to include courses especially devoted to Negro History and sociological studies of the urban ghetto. Alreaddy planned for the Winter Session of 1969 is a course treating Negro History to be taught by Helene Crowley and Craig Murry.

Admissions requirements for Negro students will be one of the major problems facing the Commission. Middlebury would like to take all qualified students, and in effect be "color-blind," said O'Brien, but he noted that the educational gap of

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Students Plan Strike, Teach-In

Teach-In To Preempt Classes On April 26

The Mobilization for Peace will hold a teach-in in place of classes for April 26. Faculty and students will be asked to "strike" by not attending classes. The following appeal is being ciruclated among the faculty:

"Friday, April 26, is being observed throughout the world as an International Student-Faculty strike against the War in Vietnam. Accordingly, the undersigned members of the faculty join with the Middlebury Mobilization for Peace in appealing to the College as a whole to set aside April 26 as a day on which classes will not meet.

"Instead, that Friday will be devoted to a 'teach-in,' a meeting of students and faculty to explore and discuss such timely issues as:

"—The War in Vietnam.

"—U. S. Responsibility for the dictatorship in Greece.

"—Racism in America.

"—The Riots: Racial or Class Struggle.

"—The Presidential Race.

"—How can Middlebury contribute to solving racial problems?"

"The response by the faculty so far has been enthusiastic," according to Peter Ostrow, Mobilization Spokesman. In general those who have signed have agreed not to hold classes on that day. Two professors who signed, however, did not intend to cancel their own classes, unless the administration sanctioned the "strike." Even if it wished to, the administration could not authorize the move without having the issue decided at a faculty meeting. The next such meeting will not take place until after the strike.

Some instructors who are aliens would have signed, but they feared punitive action by the U. S. government. The three members of the American Literature Dept. wrote they "are in sympathy with the objectives of the Mobilization for Peace project and wish it success. They feel, however, that it is their obligation to hold classes on the day appointed for the 'teach-in' for those students who wish to attend.

At press time (Monday) with less than half the faculty canvassed some 33 membes had signed the appeal. They include:

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Carroll Tenure Decision Still Sparks Controversy

AAUP Reviews Tenure Investigations, Procedure

Changes in the tenure procedures were recommended in an AAUP vote at a lengthy meeting last Thursday. The changes arise out of the AAUP's investigation of the denial of tenure to Associate Professor of Political Science R. Bruce Carroll. However, the new rules would not apply to Carroll even if the faculty adopted them, indicated AAUP President John T. Andrews. Andrews would not disclose what the specific changes were.

No action was taken on the tenure investigation, but Andrews stated that "the inquiry is still in progress." A five-man investigating committee headed by Andrews is currently probing alleged procedural irregularities in the decision not to grant Carroll tenure. One procedural point under consideration is whether senior members full professors) of the political science department were properly contacted for recommendations about Carroll.

The committee has also discussed in two meetings with President Armstrong whether

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Old Chapel Secrecy Questioned

By DICK BITTMAN
Managing Editor

Now more than four months after Associate Professor of Political Science R. Bruce Carroll was denied tenure, the denial still provokes controversy among the faculty and administrators and sparks rumor and discussion among students.

The secrecy that has surrounded the tenure denial is complicated by the complex rules of the tenure document and the number of different parties involved.

However, several main questions seem to emerge:

—What are the facts centering around the tenure system?

—Why was Carroll not granted tenure?

—Was Carroll given adequate reason for the denial of tenure?

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EPC Proposes Changes For Grading System

The Education Policy Committee recently submitted a series of proposals recommending a revised grading system under the 4-1-4 program.

If the proposals are adopted students will be able to withdraw from courses without penalty after the first two weeks of the term. A student will be allowed to drop a course at any time without failure if such is the unanimous decision of the instructor, the advisor and the Dean. If the decision is not unanimous, and if the student still wishes to drop the course, he will do so with an automatic failure. A student may replace a course so dropped by another with permission.

The proposal also calls for a letter grading system to replace the present numerical system. Class rank for men and women will be combined and will be determined as follows:

First rank: Three A's (with no grade below C).

Second rank: Three B's or better (with no failures.)

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Vermont Debate Tournament Slated Here

Middlebury will this year be the host of the Vermont State Debating Championships, scheduled for April 22 in Proctor lounge.

Middlebury Debaters have won eleven trophies and four certificates of excellence in five intercollegiate competitions this semester.

The team won one first and two second place trophies at a novice tournament at the City College of New York in recent competition. Two certificates of excellence were also awarded to the Middlebury Debaters.

At the New England Championships, March 8, at Emerson College, Middlebury took one third place trophy and one certificate of excellence from a field of fifteen schools. Freshmen debaters received another third place trophy and a certificate of excellence at the University of Massachusetts Novice Debate, March 23.

At the C. W. Post Competition, April 6, Jim Pratt was awarded the trophy for the best speaker from a field of 144 speakers. Jim Pratt and David Breen participated in the Division Finals at the State University of New York, but did not qualify for the National tournament.

The Debaters will participate in tournaments at Colby Jr. College and New York University, April 26, 27.

The Middlebury Debaters have participated in over 400 rounds of debate in 26 tournaments. Shelley Fedyck and Lynn Phillips have been the overall high scorers on the Middlebury team. The Coach is Dale Delatis.

Civil Rights Committee...

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the 'disadvantaged' student coming from a 'second-rate educational background,' tends to make the student look less qualified than one coming from a better educational background.

Or, as some Black Power elements advocate, should Middlebury take a number of Negro students proportionate with the national population, which would be roughly 12 percent? As of last fall, Middlebury had 21 Black students, according to a statement sent to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, required of every University and College by law under the 1964 Civil Acts Law. This is 1 1-2 percent of the student population here. The National College population average is 7.8 percent for Negroes.

Special Education

The idea of a Special education program for 'special' students, i. e. those coming from foreign countries and having difficulty with English, or those coming from 'disadvantaged' backgrounds is an important one and is expected to receive the Commission's attention. Such a program would allow Middlebury to take more of these students. This would require the implementation of an effective counseling program and perhaps less stringent curriculum requirements.

Yale and Manhattanville, among others, already have this program. The Yale program involves a post-graduate session (from High School) to fill the 'education gap' created by an inadequate educational background and thus prepares the disadvantaged student for the demands of college courses.

Commission members plan to study literature on educational programs offered by the Federal Government and other literature pertaining to the issue. Much of this is already in the hands of Dean O'Brien.

Alumni involvement will also play a significant part in the Commission's study. A Middlebury Alumni group by the name of Sponsors of Educational Opportunity is already seeking to recruit disadvantaged students yearly and to help them to attend Middlebury. These members were themselves from ghetto neighborhoolds and are seeking to provide genuine possibilities for the urban student who could otherwise not attend college.

In his address Armstrong mentioned the reconditioning of the now dormant Talladega program, which requires one Middlebury student to attend the Negro college in the South for every Talladega student coming to Middlebury. This requirement has created problems of tuition and scholarship funds, said O'Brien and it has been difficult to find Talladega students who are willing to attend Middlebury. There is also the suspicion that more recent militant views in the South may have strained educational exchange relationships.

The Commission will begin its work as soon as all the members have been appointed, and should be able to meet extensively this Spring. Recommendations will tentatively be issued early next fall and implemented during the Fall of 1969.

Dr. King's death gave focus to views that have been held by the members of the Administration for some time.

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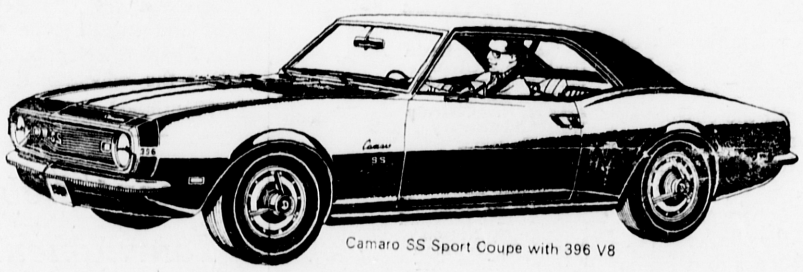
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Tenure Controversy . . .

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—Was Carroll denied Academic Freedom in the tenure decision procedures?

—Were there irregularities in those procedures?

—What criteria have priority in tenure decisions?

Tenure System

A description of the procedures and principal parties of the tenure system reads like a diagram of complex machinery.

A faculty Subcommittee on Tenure composed of three full professors submits recommendation to the President who in turn makes recommendations to the trustees for final decision. The Dean of the Faculty may meet with this Subcommittee. In addition, the Chairman of the Department in question submits a recommendation directly to the President.

The three-member Subcommittee recommended to President Armstrong not to grant Carroll tenure. (Afterward, President Armstrong told the Chairman of the Political Science Department Harris E. Thurber, that the Subcommittee was unanimous in its recommendation not to grant tenure, Thurber told the **Campus.** A member of the Subcommittee, Professor of English Henry B. Prickitt, termed Thurber's statement "correct.")

Override

The Subcommittee's recommendation was tantamount to overriding Professor Thurber's recommendation. Thurber, as Department Chairman, wrote directly to the President "a strong recommendation for reappointment with tenure" for Professor Carroll, Thurber said. Professor Thurber's recommendation was made known to the Tenure Subcommittee by Dean of the Faculty Paul M. Cubeta.

Last December 6, President Armstrong told Professor Carroll that he would recommend to the Trustees not to grant him tenure. The reason given was that he "failed to fit into the long range plans for the Political Science Department," Carroll told this reporter. About a week later Carroll received formal notice of the Trustees' decision.

Along with the notice that he would not be given tenure, Carroll received a one year terminal contract. This contract extended his present one, then due to expire this June, to next June. In cases such as Professor Carroll's only a terminal contract, if any, may be offered.

Adequate Reason

Armstrong and Carroll discussed the issues together three times, in December, January, and February. Each time, said Carroll, the same explanation was given: He did not fit into the long range plans of the department.

Professor Carroll contends that the explanation is inadequate. "I do not know officially the underlying reasons for my termination. . ." he said. "I still do not know why I do not fit into the long range plans for the Department."

Dean Cubeta thought the President's explanation was adequate.

Carroll felt that the secrecy of an inadequate explanation "has permitted inuendo to arise" that is detrimental to the College community and himself personally. "The College has tainted my professional record," he said. Cubeta claimed the necessity to let faculty members

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AAUP . . .

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the President should give Professor Carroll more specific reasons for the denial of tenure. The Faculty Subcommittee on Appointment and Tenure was present at one of the meetings.

The AAUP decided to investigate the tenure decision late in January. The decision was made on the initiative of the AAUP, itself. "It's the business of the AAUP to get into (this)," Andrews told the **Campus.**

Andrews indicated that there had not been much discussion on the alleged denial of Academic Freedom to Carroll. The AAUP has taken no formal position on the issue.

The five member committee was set up at the March 22 AAUP meeting. Besides Andrews, its members are Claude L. Bourcier, Professor of French; Reginald L. Cook, Professor of American Literature; Pardon E. Tillinghast, Professor of History; and Benjamin F. Wissler, Professor of Physics.

No date has been set for the next AAUP meeting.

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EDITORIAL SECTION

'A Sense Of Urgency'

The troubles plaguing America's cities may seem far removed from life at Middlebury. Therefore it is especially commendable that President Armstrong has seen fit to appoint a special committee to study ways in which the College can help alleviate these problems.

At the memorial service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, President Armstrong spoke of the "sense of urgency" which the situation requires, and he announced that he will seek recommendations on the role of the College "in the national effort to remedy the grievous problems in our society of the urban ghetto, poverty, and racist discrimmination, and to give support to the pre-eminence of nonviolence as the governing principle."

In the past, Middlebury has by no means ignored the problems of racism, of the urban ghetto and of poverty. But such efforts as the Talladega exchange program and the once-active Civil Rights Group have suffered, perhaps because there is a tendency to regard Middlebury's effect in alleviating these problems as a very limited one. Now the national crisis and the assassination of Dr. King have made it clear that any effort, however limited, is urgently needed. The College Conference last month was a good start in focussing the attention of the College community on racis mand the problems in our cities. The appointment of this committee is the first step toward acting upon them, in our own limited, but nonetheless important way.

The Business Principle

The new dormitories are not scheduled to open until second semester next year. Yet Middlebury is admitting 100 more freshmen than are in this year's class in order that the new dorms are not vacant for the entire year. This move means overcrowding and the placing of some students in less than satisfactory housing for part of the year.

The situation may be eased somewhat by the relaxation of the "residential principle" as recommended in the Commission on Student Life Report. Yet the business considerations which obviously dictated the move to admit so many more students next year makes us wonder about the spirit in which the residential principle will be applied in the future. We wonder if the needs of individuals which the proposed relaxation of the on-campus living regulations recognizes will not be defined in fact by the financial needs of the College.

Carroll Decision: Administra

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make recommendations in confidence. (The Tenure Subcommittee contacted faculty other than Professor Thurber.)

Academic Freedom And Procedure

Such secrecy could be a violation of Academic Freedom if it masks a personal reason for not granting tenure or a reason dealing with Carroll's political views, for example.

Carroll appealed to the Faculty Council on grounds that his Academic Freedom had been violated. The Council, composed of the three members of the Tenure Subcommittee plus three junior faculty members, was "unanimously satisfied that there had been no violation of Academic Freedom," according to Prickitt. A second appeal was also considered and rejected.

However, Carroll still claims that incorrect procedures may be at issue. Professor Carroll noted that half of the Faculty Council is composed of men who participated in the original decision to deny him tenure. Professor Prickitt admitted that he felt he was in a position of having to judge his previous action. This is "inherent" in the Rules, he said.

Carroll

Carroll also objected to the Rules's requirement that he bear the burden of proof in the Faculty Council appeal on Academic Freedom. Without knowing the reasons for the tenure denial, he could not know what to prove, he argued. Without more specific reason, Carroll said he could not know whether he was denied Academic Freedom.

Senior Members

A moot point focuses around the Tenure Subcommittee's sounding out the opinions of the senior members of the Political Science Department. The Tenure Rules state: "The Subcommittee shall secure written or oral appraisals of the person concerned by senior members of his department. . ."

NEWS ANALYSIS

Professor Carroll claims injustice since none of the two senior members of the Department were contacted. (The senior members are Professor Thurber and Professor Hoag, who is on leave this year.)

Professor Prickitt agreed that neither of the two senior members of the Political Science Department were directly contacted, but indicated that the Subcommittee had "made use" of Professor Thurber's recommendation to President Armstrong.

Prickitt felt that in this case soliciting recommendations from senior members was optional; Carroll felt it to be obligatory.

The point seems to become a matter of substance as well as procedure, for it concerns what the Administration and the Tenure Subcommittee could know about plans of and for the Department of Political Science.

(Plans **of** the Department refer to those made by the Department. Plans **for** the Department concern plans made by the Administration.)

Professor Thurber told the **Campus** that he had considered implicitly, but not explicitly long-range plans in his recommendation to President Armstrong. "Implicitly I was assuming Professor Carroll was a personal fixture here, as long as he wanted to stay. . .To that extent I was taking the long range plans into consideration," Thurber said.

In deciding on tenure for Professor Carroll, the Tenure Subcommittee considered "the long range plans of the Administration for the Department of Political Science" and any implications of such plans in Professor Thurber's recommendation to the President.

Professor Thurber, currently the only senior member of the Political Science Department here at Middlebury, indicated that he had had "informal" discussions with the Administration over long range plans for the Department. Dean Cubeta would not discuss how senior members of the Department had participated in making long range plans, terming the issue a "matter of confidence."

Faculty Status And Participation

Professor Carroll said that the prime issue to him is whether senior members of a department participate in personnel decisions. He indicated that this would not be at issue if procedure had been followed properly. His own career is a

King Aftermath: Mourning

By SKIP GREEN

Late Thursday evening a white television newscaster quietly informed me of the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. My initial response, in light of the fact I had seen Doctor King two days previously, was bitter rage — rage against and shame for a white community that had bred a man to perform such an inhuman act. Then I suddenly became scared and frightened that our country would not weather such an event. And finally as the news reel of Jesse Jackson's interview flashed on the screen, I swelled with sadness. I was overcome with sorrow for a race that had lost its prophet—a man who had had a dream of brotherhood that transcended the search by his own race for its Black identity.

I had originally gone to Atlanta to renew old friendships and make new contacts for a program that I will direct this summer in Atlanta's ghettos. The assassination changed my plans.

On request by a Southern Christian Leadership Conference worker I stayed over to assist the S.C.L.C. office which expected nearly a hundred thousand mourners. Chartered planes and buses depositing thousands would add to the confusion of terminals simultaneously beseiged by vacation travelers. My assignment was to set up information centers and provide transportation to the available housing.

At the same time I was asked to help coordinate travel plans for those mourners who also were accompanying Mrs. King to Memphis on Monday before her husband's funeral. It was through this programming that I came to meet and in some cases work with a few of Doctor King's close friends — Rev. Abernathy, Jesse Jackson, Hosea Williams, and the 'great' Rev. James Orange, S.C.L.C. field director. Hearing them preach, watching them work, or talking with them enunciated one important point: the tolerance, patience, and search for

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secondary concern, he stated.

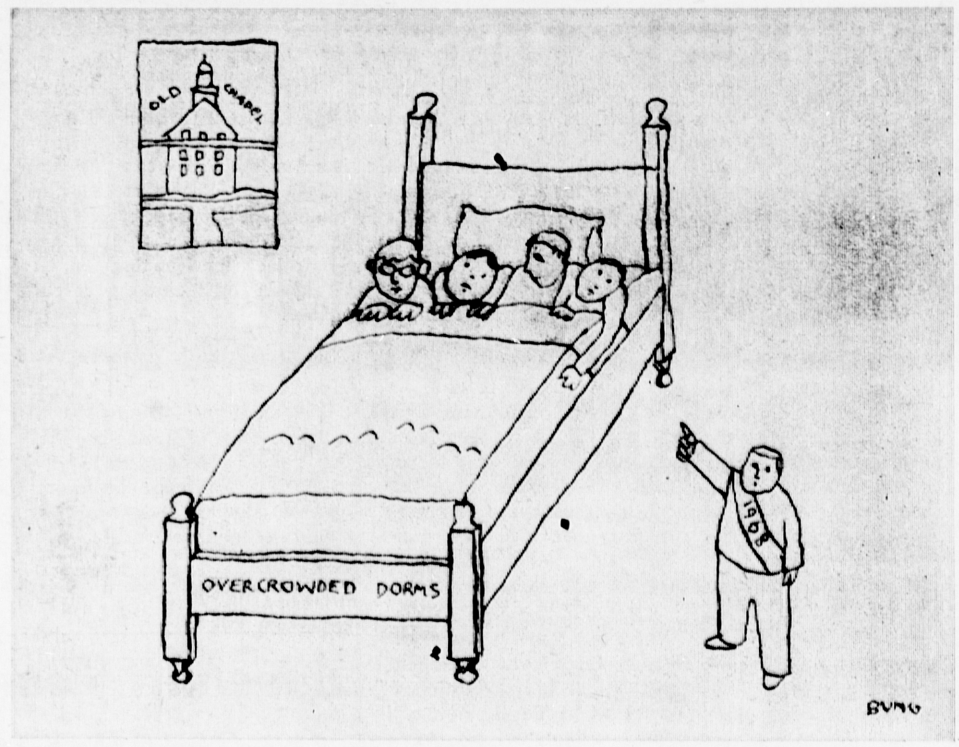
Carroll felt that the explanation which he found inadequate and the procedures involved in the tenure decision "violate every canon of good personnel administration and jeopardizes the status of the faculty and College at large."

The question of participation in long range planning may be important in tenure cases. If senior members are aware of the long range plans, then they could inform junior members of the department how they fit in. In the case of tenure denial, a senior member can be in a position to explain how he did not. It is the element of explanation that makes the issue of long range planning a substantive, rather than only procedural, issue.

"Appointment or reappointment is based upon a judgment of the **professional competence** and **promise** of the person concerned and of his **value** to the College community" (emphasis added), according to the Tenure Rules.

All three criteria were considered in the Subcommittee deliberations on Professor Carroll, stated Professor Prickitt. Prickitt would not indicate, however, which ones were crucial to the decision not to grant Carroll tenure.

Dean Cubeta cited the structure of the department in question and the field of competence as possible considerations.



Lowell Reading: Poetry Of Confession

By ROBERT ROSTAND

This year the Abernethy Lecture was delivered by Robert Lowell, the distinguished American poet. If he lost clarity because of the accoustics of the Chapel, he managed to achieve a strikingly intense reading of such poems as "Mouth of the Hudson," "Fall 1961," "The Lesson," and "April 8th." Of these poems, all, except the last one, appeared in **For The Union Dead**, from which he also read: "Water," "Middle Age," and "July in Washington."

He concluded by reading six poems about politics from a yet unpublished book, which would be, in his own words, "a notebook of a year, 1967-1968": two poems entitled "Caracas," "Washington Monument," "End of the Day," and "April 8th" (the day of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.). He has published the following books: **Lord Weary's Castle, Mills of the Cavanaughs, For Union Dead**, and **Life Studies.**

Agitated State

Probably the most perplexing thing about the reading as a whole was Mr. Lowell's inflection and the choice of poems. On the one hand, Mr. Lowell is not the best of readers and at times he did lapse into rather garbled enunciation, but more confusing was the upward inflection with which he ended most of the readings: one expected more to follow, but it never came. This proved to be rather annoying but might be explained by the agitated state in which Mr. Lowell seemed to be throughout the evening; in fact, he evinced the attitude of wanting nothing more than to get the entire affair over with as soon as possible. As he said afterwards at the reception in the Grand Salon of the Chateau, he could only bring himself to do no more than ten such readings a year. The strain on Mr. Lowell, last Wednesday night, was obvious.

On the other hand, these later poems, which Mr. Lowell read, were not as good as some of his early ones such as "The Quaker Graveyard in Nantucket," "Christmas Under Hooker's Statue," "Colloquy in Black Rock," or that group of deeply religious poems that includes "The Holy Innocents," which in its intensity, imagery, and diction is so very reminiscent of Gerard Manley Hopkins. So much of what is good in these early poems comes through indirection and ambiguity and is held together by a deeply emotional and-or spiritual intensity. Even the confessional poetry written while he was a Roman Catholic remains above the level of simple self-preoccupation, which seemed to be the overwhelming sentiment of the poems read by Mr. Lowell.

What remained in these poems was the emotional content — in one form or another it was Nostalgia, a legitimate emotional response — yet somehow the poems had none of the coherency of the earlier poems nor any of their striking imagery. Indeed Mr. Lowell's poetry has "quieted down" and is no longer "too forbidding and clotted" but at what great sacrifice! Out of that nostalgia and terrifying self-consciousnes it was as if nothing could be developed.

In his review of **Lord Weary's Castle**, Randall Jarrell observed that the general movement within many of the poems in that volume was a movement from a sense of constriction to some release; this overall movement is also seen in his Catholic poetry. Yet in most of the poems read for the Abernethy Lecture there seemed to be no development of that raging nostalgia; the poetry remained entirely constricted and **confessional.**

Was Not Enough

brotherhood of which Doctor King so profoundly spoke was was more peculiar to him as an individual than to his followers as a group. This might well be the case with any great leader, but my work those five days did sensitize me to this reality.

Racial Pride

The bonds of unity that have a spirit that has bound Negroes together in their struggle for racial equality over the last hundred years. What became clear to me was the necessity for whites to understand and accept this pride as a vital component in the construction of a racially just society.

Few whites understand fully the significance of this racial pride. In Atlanta whites continue to see Negroes for the most part in integrated restaurants and stores — merely token signs of the move to tear down the walls of racial discrimination. Few whites hear themselves called 'honkie' or are ever actually confronted by black power advocates spouting the hardline rhetoric of separatism. Though I had lived in Atlanta's ghettos for two weeks, under the Cornerstone Project, like most whites I had escaped this necessary confrontation and was not expecting to find such views within SCLC. What I knew of SCLC, however, was only what I had read in the newspapers. Doctor King was not an H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, or Malcolm X. Though strongly criticized by most militant leaders he advocated non-violence and supported white participation in the civil rights movement. Thus when I entered the SCLC office at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, I was full of spirit and con-

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range, The Great

Letters To The Editor

Cloistered

To the editor:

Middlebury's isolation from the mainstream of political action is a well-trod upon topic of discontent. I must take one more step.

I find it disappointing at best, appalling actually, that Middlebury did not participate in what was a national demonstration of politico - moral solidarity, and cancel classes on the Tuesday of Dr. Martin Luther King's funeral. True, we had our tribute, and in our own cloistered, academic way expressed our sympathy with what happened to the nation. It is significant, however, that we did not participate in the national symbol of respect, did not join with the nation but rather disregarded it. Perhaps out of ignorance of the facts (and that too is symptomatic), perhaps considering an individual tribute of more value than one made in conjunction with the masses, whatever the reason, Middlebury once again emphasized its isolation. It is exactly this isolation which makes Middlebury the unbelievable playland it is. It is this isolation which can send only a minister to a funeral, and make students forego the observance of and participation in an historic event. The fact of Middlebury's unwillingness to accept its place within the modern societal context, its avoidance (or simple ignorance) of actions of national significance, its terrifying denial of its political existence, all combine to make Middlebury less than the self-aware community it professes to be.

There is being organized an International Student Strike in protest of the war in Vietnam. Hopefully, Middlebury, both students and faculty, will recognize itself and participate.

Peter Knobler

Old and Good

To the Editor

It is just that the old tree in front of the new fine arts building is being destroyed. Nothing old is good in America, after all. America needs youth, vigor, and brand-new, fake facades; not old spreading trees which provide shade for lazy people under the noon sun; a stopping place for lovers in springtime; or an invitation to little boys or dogs.

It is just all these things point to a non-active, Un-American withdrawal from life (like smoking pot). Lazy trees do not provide an atmosphere conducive to work or academic pursuits.

This tree is like a withered grandmother. "It has served its time;" old age does not deserve to die in peace; especially when it is combined with the attribute of quiet, but dysfunctional beauty. The tree can probably be replaced by imported bamboo.

Only the barest moral scruple prevent us from exterminating grandmothers, after all.

Alma Robinson

New and Fine

To the editor:

One question re blueprints in the Crest Room of all the fine new buildings:

Will the toilet seats be square?

Dr. Gray

Lacrosse Win Over Wesleyan Starts Recovery From Spring Tour Disasters

When spring break began, the Middlebury lacrosse team had 21 members who were making ready for a five game vacation series.

When the series was over, the team had a one win and four loss record and 15 players.

The season opened with the first of five in a row at Towson State College in Towson, Maryland. Perhaps, it was the thrill of playing on grass under a warming sun that sparked Middlebury to a 2-to-0 lead at the half. Without a doubt, it was the early season errors and the inability to hit the open nets that made the final score 6 to 4 in favor of Towson.

Memorable Day

Game two was played at Loyola College located near Towson. A 9-to-1 defeat at the hands of a very capable Loyola team seemed only proper in that days sequence of misadventures.

Terrible Tuesday began when one team member received a traffic ticket for his Vermont plates because the officer was not really sure the state existed.

Then the team beat itself, psyched out from watching five year old Maryland kids play lacrosse as if they had been born with sticks in their hands, which they were.

Moreover, midfielder John French's X-rays showed a fracture of the thumb and finished the season for him. Utility man Gregg Lewis pulled knee ligaments in the second period and then middie Dan Redmond suffered a bad ankle sprain. But nothing could eclipse the way the day ended with the long drive to Jersey.

The third contest was played in Madison, New Jersey at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Here, the laxmen lost another, not only because they were tired and demoralized with their game and player losses, but because they couldn't click.

Primes Reversal

It was, however, this 9-to-3 defeat at F.D.U. that fired the Middmen for an 8-to-4 victory over N.Y. Maritime University the next day. Although Middlebury played sloppy lacrosse, it was a well-earned victory.

The final disaster came when the team met with Adelphi in Garden City, Long Island. Having lost some of its strong players due to injuries, having played four games in four days and now preparing for the fifth, and having thoughts of going home after this last game, Middlebury was dumped, 14 to 3.

Yet, even with four losses, the trip served its real purpose; everyone was thinking lacrosse again. Middlebury may have been Dinglebury to the people in Maryland, but no matter what they were called, now they were a team.

Regular Season Starts

The first game of the regular season was played in Schenectady, N. Y. against Union College. Due to the number of injuries suffered by the varsity during the vacation, Coach Morrone was forced to dress five freshmen for the game.

Certain features of the Union game paralleled Towson. It was a fresh start, and Middlebury was leading at the half with the score 3 to 2. Attackman Kingsley Parker had garnered a pair, while teammate Tom Harrington netted one.

When the second half began, however, Middlebury suffered from a rash of penalties that gave Union a momentum that couldn't be stopped. Harrington tallied Middlebury's fourth and final goal and the laxmen endured an embarassing defeat, 7 to 4.

Choice Words

Coach Morrone let the team know how he felt about their Schenectady performance with a few words of wisdom after the game. He concluded, however, that the team could record a winning season if they would only think while they played.

Last Saturday's home opener

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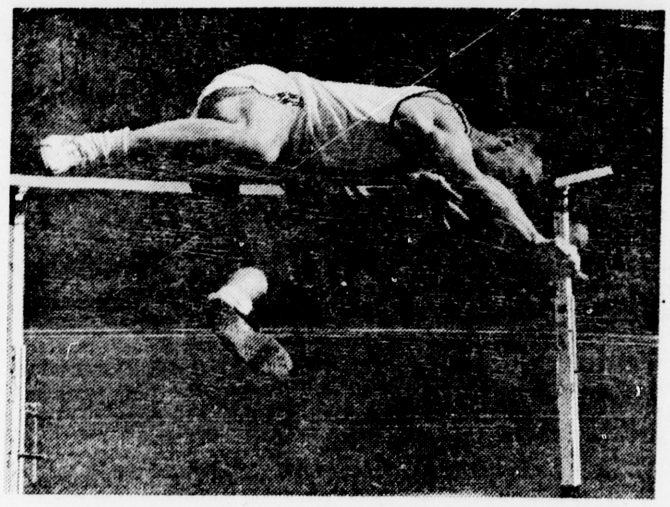
BRENT SEABROOK clears the first hurdle on route to his record victory in the 440 hurdles. Photo by King



Shown competing here in the high jump is BILL HODGDON, as WPI swept to a triple tie for first place at 5' 8" and moved into a 40-32 lead. Photo by King

Baseball Team Suffers Loss In Opener On The Road; Rookies Will See Action

The baseball team opened its season last Saturday with a resounding, but not totally disenheartening, loss to Wesleyan University. The score was 10-4.

It was an experimental game in what might prove to be an experimental season for Coach Wendy Forbes' squad. Sticking to his game plan, Coach Forbes played his entire team, going with his three healthy pitchers, and both his first and second squads of infielders and outfielders. It was, for Middlebury, a gaudy display of baseball depth, if not talent.

New Outlook

This year's team is marked by this depth and a youthfulness which features fourteen freshmen and sophomores out of a twenty-two man squad. On account of the uncertainty of his young material, Coach Forbes forsees juggling his line-up quite a bit in the next few games to find some working combination. At this point, Wendy will probably start three freshmen. John Gilhooly has already nailed down the catcher's spot, and Barry Matayer and Fran Badger have good chances at first and third.

All-Purpose

Versatile senior Dave Vanier will be the second baseman, though in any game he might be playing any position. He is the back-up catcher, and if injuries continue to plague the pitchers, will probably see some mound duty. His keystone mate is sophomore Jon Reynolds, who did a good job in the Wesleyan game. The infield defense looks strong, but Coach Forbes is still looking for some heavier bats, as he says; "you gotta get some runs to win in this league."

Sophomores Willy Wallace, Dave Saporito, Ed Yunck and Mark Ripa offer an alternative infield. Senior Steve Syriala and junior Jim Soja can play first when they're not pitching.

The outfield is older and more experienced, though they had some surprising fielding lapses in Saturday's game. The senior trio of Jack O'Malley in left, Steve Callahan in center, and Jon Davidson, a converted third baseman, in right, should have no troubles defensively, but, again they must start hitting. Sophomores Tom Derogatis and Gary Westerman are outfield reserves.

One of the brightest aspects of the team is the fact that for the first time in years it has a potentially deep pitching staff. There are seven pitchers on the squad, although four are shelved by injuries. Against Wesleyan, Senior Rich Vomacka, Sophomore Ed Miller, and Soja each went three innings. They were adequate, but were hurt by defensive lapses in the outfield.

Pitching Prospects

The other four pitchers will help as they return from their injuries. Junior Jim Esmond with an ankle injury, and Sophomore John Tuohy with a bad knee, should be back soon. Freshman John Olenoski may be lost forever, and Captain Syriala's pitching career is in doubt. A quick recovery of his shoulder would be vital to team interest.

Percentages

Coach Forbes stresses to his pitchers to get the ball over the plate. He plays percentage baseball, and doesn't want to give anything away. As he says: "If your pitching is wild and they're not good, then you're really in trouble."

The team plays four games this upcoming week, and if the injury - riddled pitching staff holds up, and Wendy finds the right combination in the field, plus if some of the older bats start booming, then Middlebury could have the beginnings of a winning season. They are "must" games for, "when you are losing it's hard to turn things around."

Support them on Saturday.

Realigned Tennis Team Subdued By Impressive Wesleyan, 7-2

By TERRY PLUM

On Saturday afternoon the tennis team played its first match of the season at Wesleyan University and was overwhelmed 7-2. Although the defeat was quite decisive, it was not ignominious, for the Wesleyan team had benefitted from two weeks practice in Florida, in addition to three weeks of outdoor competition at home due to favorable weather. This is not to detract from the Wesleyan talent which was formidable.

Early Wesleyan Lead

Jeff Riotte, playing in the number one position, lost to the extremely strong Beik in straight sets 6-3, 6-4, while Bill Levin, number 2, was defeated by a miniature Torben Uhlrich named Forsblad, 6-3, 3-6, 10-8, in a torrid, close match.

Glenn Davis and Woody Jackson, played numbers 3 and 5 respectively, were overcome in straight sets by Oliver and Ching. Sandy Spaulding, playing intelligent consistent tennis, accounted for the sole Middlebury victory in the singles by defeating Knox 7-5, 6-8, 6-3. Plum was defeated in three sets.

Doubles: One-For-Three

In the doubles, Riotte teamed up with Davis, who substituted for an exhausted Bill Levin, to lose 6-4, 6-2. Jackson and Plum were annihilated 6-1, 6-2. At number 3 doubles, Brautigam and Stevenson united for the other Middlebury victory, and thus displayed a depth which has been lacking from past teams. They triumphed in three sets 6-4, 6-8, 6-1.

Attrition

The loss of John Mallouk and John Kirby is felt keenly by

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Loss In Last Event Costs Trackmen Victory At WPI

By BOB LENZ

Competing without the services of captain Steve Krichels in the opening meet, Stub Mackey's track team went into the last event at Worcester, Mass. on Saturday with a 67-67 tie, but WPI's 10-second victory in the mile relay gave the Engineers 5 points and the meet.

It was a heartbreaking way to lose, though it was a good showing for a team that was obviously going to lose some points due to the absence of runner Krichels.

Lead Evaporates

Middlebury built up an early 25-11 lead, which was quickly erased by a WPI sweep in the 440 and a first and second in the javelin, and after that the score stayed close until the climactic relay.

Early in the two-mile run, JOHN MORTON retains the lead. Photo by King

Highlighting the Panther side of the scramble was freshman Brent Seabrook's record-setting 58.5 in the 440 hurdles.

Palulis was the Engineer hero-of-the-day, astounding all by taking victories in the 880, the 2 mile, and the mile (the opening event). In the mile run, he defeated Middlebury's Peter Reynolds by 2 1-2 seconds, while Panther Bob Larkin was taking a third.

Stamina

In the two mile, he edged out John Morton by 3.8 seconds to cut the Middlebury lead to 63-62, as Avery Caldwell finished in third.

In the next-to-last event, the Engineers evened things up with a first in the triple jump, with Keith Connors hitting just 5 inches shorter for a second and freshman Bob Whittaker taking third.

Shotput Success

Middlebury's early lead resulted largely from a sweep of the shot: burly Dick McMahon heaved one 49'5" to place first, while freshman Glenn Krug and Mark Yeager completed the runaway.

Whittaker and Connors took first and third, respectively, in the long jump, while Kelly and Bill Halapin pulled the same order in the 100. Bentley Myer took first in the pole vault, with Ed Brancati right behind.

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Lacrosse . . .

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with Wesleyan seemed to indicate that he was right. Middlebury was ahead the entire game, as the team neatly picked up ground balls, passed and scored.

Harrington Click

Attackman Harrington scored four of Midd's five goals, which gives him a mid-season total of 16. The security goal was scored by midfielder Howie Richmond.

An outstanding performance by goalie Rick Moore, who let in only three of a barrage of 34 shots by Wesleyan, was a key factor in the victory.

Middlebury plays Saturday at U.N.H. and next Wednesday at R.P.I. The next home game is April 27 with Amherst.

WPI Victory

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and Middlebury cut the margin to 41-40.

Short-Lived Lead

Senior Glenn Curtis finished second to Palulis in the 880, and then, after Seabrook's record victory, Krug came in first in the discus with a toss of 125'8", and Kelly and Halapin pulled off a first-third finish again, this time in the 220, to give the charging Panthers a 59-57 lead.

Pretty soon, it was time for the mile relay.

They'll try it again from scratch this Saturday in a 2:00 home meet against Trinity.

The record for consecutive shutout innings in softball held by Ralph "Bo Jangles" Zanzinger, who twirled 107 zeroless frames before retiring to his tobacco farm in Maryland, where he spends a lot of time rubbing his shoulder.

Whatever happened to Helen Wills Moodys?

For all Roberto de Vincenzo fans, the premier golf match of the season is on Monday, April 22, when coach Duke Nelson and captain George Phinney's charges will slash away out at the old links.

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Tennis . . .

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this year's team. However, the addition of two sophomores, Jackson and Stevenson, and the return of the always strong Glenn Davis, who was unavailable last year due to a spiral fracture of the leg, should account for valuable points in the lower singles positions and in the doubles. Stu Dunn, recovering from a pulled shoulder, will also help.

Mr. Carroll foresees a successful season, despite the initial loss, as the team becomes more consistent and experienced. After last Tuesday's home match with St. Lawrence, the next encounter occurs this Saturday at 2:00 with Vermont.

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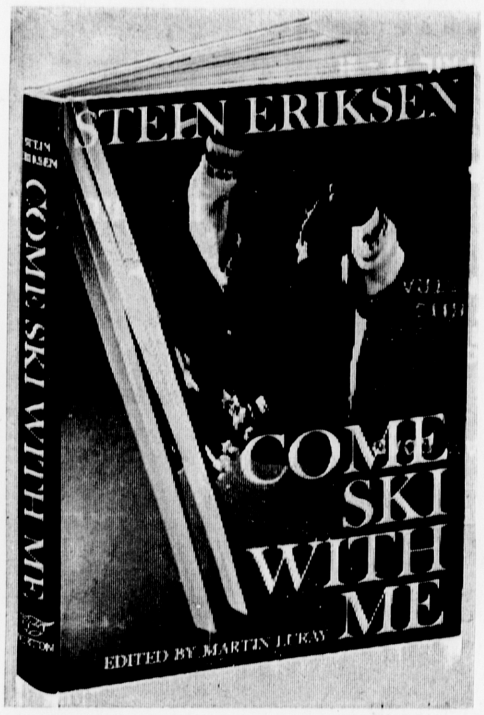

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ROTC In For Wide Scrutiny

(CPS) — For ROTC units around the country, this academic year, like its predecessor, has had its controversial moments. In spite of scattered incidents, however, the year has not been notable for crusades against ROTC. In fact, at a time when the war in Vietnam has contributed to the growth of a substantial peace movement among students, ROTC has largely escaped becoming a target of anti-war groups.

Rather than centering their attention on ROTC, organizations like Students for a Democratic Society have focussed on outside recruiters, especially those from Dow Chemical Co., and to a lesser extent on military research on universities.

But there has been one development this year that could, in the long run, prove more of a problem for ROTC than being the prime target of SDS. It is the movement to deny academic credit for ROTC courses.

Movement may not be the right word to describe what has happened so far, because there have been no mass cancellations of ROTC credit. The faculties at three schools in the Northeast — Boston University, Northeastern University in Boston, and Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me. — have voted to withdraw credit for ROTC courses.

The decision to take away academic credit for ROTC is not final at any one of the three schools, which is probably a source of some comfort to ROTC planners in the Pentagon. There are signs, though, that the credit issue is spreading.

The services are aware that the quality of their ROTC training is coming under scrutiny. In spite of the fact that the pressure of the draft has made ROTC more popular than at any time since the Korean War, all of them are making the effort to liberalize ROTC curricula, and to make military courses more like other college and university courses.

New Hampshire's Altercation Law was declared unconstitutional in 1890.

Aftermath In Atlanta

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fidence that my assistance would be received in brotherhood.

SCLC Headquarters

Like many organizations that work with a geographically dispersed people, the SCLC Auburn avenue office is fundamentally a coordinating headquarters for the numerous field programs that are being carried on throughout the south. All day Saturday and Sunday above the ceaseless ringing of the telephones and vocal interchanges concerning the funeral arrangements, I could hear shouts of surprise and wails of mournful grief as the field workers returned home.

These are the fighters who had recruited the freedom marchers, registered the scared voters, and had set up lonely SCLC centers in airtight-segregated rural Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. These are the men who would verify that defacto segregation is for the most part still a reality throughout the South. These are the men who can recount of places like Liberty County, Ga. where integration of the local movie theater is a program of top priority. In back country like this, even white sympathizers are careful of what they say, for they are hated as much if not more than the black organizers. By some of these men I was called 'honkie.' Others merely demanded that I step aside. And a few who had been working closely with SNCC ignored me altogether. I was working for them, but my participtpion was not to be misconstrued as an invitation to forget how my white ancestors had treated their race for centuries.

Racial Consciousness

It was not only in the SCLC office that I was made conscious of my whiteness. Early Sunday morning, I left the office with a Negro girl to get coffee. Tired as I was, I struggled to keep up with her brisk pace. We entered the restaurant, and I immediately sensed that all eyes were upon me. We hurriedly ate and returned to the office. It was not until we were behind closed doors that she admitted her fear—fear of being seen with a white person. It was not for personal reasons but for what my presence could have caused. My SCLC identification card which decorated my coat no doubt had been my only asset. I did not leave the office after that without my badge clearly exposed.

After sundown all volunteer woman drivers on Rev. Abernathy's request were not allowed to work. After 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. all white drivers were discouraged from driving into Vine City where the second coordinating office in Rev. Abernathy's church had been set up.

On Tuesday as the funeral procession moved from Ebenezer Baptist church to Morehouse college, organizers preceded the casket to clear the street. As they passed by, I could hear them say, "our men, please take off your hats. Yes, it is true that blacks and whites did drink from the same hose at Morehouse, but then again it was a sweltering spring afternoon.

Maddox Country

On the other side Georgia painted a vivid picture of the archaic and perverse mentality that now controls its state capitol. One hundred sixty state troopers guarded Governor Lester Maddox and the capitol building. Businesses remained opened. Many whites actually rejoiced over the assassination, and on police suggestion an escort drove with the casket from Morehouse to the cemetery for fear that whites might actually attack the casket in a last effort to desecrate the body.

On Tuesday as the office quieted down and the mourners

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King Death

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marched to Morehouse, the sum total of these experiences left me depressed and deeply frustratd. What bothered me was my sudden awareness that neither Time Magazine nor any documentary film could convey to white America the gravity of black-white strife. My desire for friendship had been rebuffed though I had worked side by side with these people. This coldness bothered me, but not nearly as much as my new awarness that their intolerance was to be expected. The mistrust and reservations expressed are beyond question historically justified. What right had I, a child of a race that had suppressed them for generations, to step amongst them and expect the love of friendship even in a moment of crisis.

The King Is Dead

The qualities of tolerance, patience and brotherhood that whites are eager to find in blacks are precisely those that made Doctor King a living spirit in his own time. What I and every other white American must come to accept is that ation which was once a white man's privilege is now a driving force among concerned Negroes. Some have defined this as an aspect of Black Power. No matter what it may be called, it is yet another variable with which we must contend in our present struggle to end racial injustice. The greatest deterent to the prospect of racial harmony is an adverse white reaction to this new social prejudice — a relapsing to a state of moral and political apathy characteristic of previous decades. The communiciation lines between whites and blacks must not be closed. The call now more than ever before is for participation and association. As one commentator summarized the urgency of the moment, "the king is dead, but it is not enough to mourn."

Frat Rush

There will be a short meeting for all freshmen men interested in participating in the fraternity rushing program Tuesday, 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Dana Auditorium. The program will be explained at the meeting and names of freshmen who plan to attend the Spring Smokers to be held on April 28 will be taken. Both the smokers and the preliminary meeting will be mandatory for those interested in next year's rushing program.

The first typewriter repair shop was opened in Rocky Hill, Connecticut in the year 1884. It was operated part-time by Silas Richshaw, a befuddled pasterburner.

I altercate, you altercate, he altercates, she altercates,. . . .

Admissions Boost Expected In Fall

Next year's freshman class will be increased to 490 students from 390 which has been the average size in recent years, Fred Neuberger, Director of Admissions, told the Campus last week.

He said that the proportion of men to women will drop in next year's class. There will be 260 men and 230 women as compared with 230 men and 160 women in this year's class.

In order to get a class of 490 students, he said, it was necessary to admit 890 students, since about 55 percent of those who are accepted reply favorably to Middlebury. Since there were just under 3000 applicants this year, Middlebury accepts about one third of those who applied. Out of this class of 490, 120 have already been accepted on the Early Decision Program.

Applicants were informed in their letters of acceptance of the 4-1-4 plan next semester. Mr. Neuberger said that he expected news of the 4-1-4 plan to have a "favorable influence" on candidates preparing to make a final decision as to which college to attend. He also mentioned the new science and art centers as other facilities recently developed at Middlebury which may have a favorable influence on borderline cases.

Neuberger cited the extensive skiing program at Middlebury as a big attraction for perspective students. He added that the distinction between academics and extracurricular activities is becoming less clear in the applicants mind — he cited the drama departments plan of giving participation in the plays academic credit as an example.

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EPC Proposals

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A proposal on Pass-Fail Courses would allow departments to designate courses to be graded entirely on a basis of Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may, with the permission of their departmental advisor, elect to take courses graded on the normal system as Pass-Fail courses. Such courses shall be outside the student's field of concentration.

The first poison pen letter was written in 1423. Its author is unknown.

Group Aiding Rural Poor Asks Student Help

Volunteers working with the local branch of the Office of Economic Opportunity have made a special appeal to Middlebury students for used clothing, the use of their spare time, and financial contributions.

According to John W. Graham, County Developer, local women volunteers cooperate with the center in its work of aiding the rural poor. The volunteers, who collect and distribute "good" used clothing to low income farm families, have asked students to donate articles. Particularly needed are "clothing for young boys, trousers and shoes for children, work pants and work jackets, and very large sized trousers and dresses."

Self-Help

Graham and his three staff members help the poor in Addison County to find employment, legal aid, transportation, welfare if they are eligible, and legal aid for civil cases if needed. They also try to enroll them in educational training classes.

When possible, families are moved out of substandard housing under the OEO's self-help housing program. With the assistance of loans from the Farmer's Home Administration, families band together and construct homes for each other.

According to Graham, in addition to clothing the center has need of books, especially for children, and recent issue magazines. Although the OEO itself, as a Federal project, cannot accept financial contributions, the volunteer group would be glad to have them, he said. Students who wish to volunteer their services, especiaally in helping to sort and fit clothes, are also welcomed.

The Middlebury office, which serves all of Addison County, is located in Rooms 52 and 57 of the Battell Block, above the Skihaus. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5.

International Relations Organization Revived

Middlebury's International Relations Club has been revived this semester, mainly through the efforts of club president Amusaa Mwanamwambwa, a junior student from Zambia.

The club's main aim, according to secretary Carolyn Sega, is to "offer the community a program to promote international understanding" through films, seminars, and lectures.

The club also plans to publish a magazine next year, with two or three issues to appear during the school year. The magazine will deal with problems of international politics as they affect various nations.

Club members will institute a "big brother" orientation program for foreign students to help them in their first few months in the college. There is already a large proportion of foreign students in the IRC.

The club, according to Miss Sega, will pursue a "middle road between the political and social" aspects of international relations. Activities range from a Pan-American day to a possible seminar on the situation in Greece.

The club has met four times so far and has attended a China Conference at Dartmouth. At the last meeting, Mr. Claude Bourcier, Chairman of the French Department, spoke on world government.

The club has had a "history of failure" since its founding in 1959, said Sega, but added that with forty or fifty people at the meetings, the club has a good chance of success this time.

Although the club still has no funds, they are optimistic about getting enough money to finance their programs.

RISD Graduate To Teach Here

David A. Bumbeck, has been appointed Instructor of Fine Arts at Middlebury College, President James I. Armstrong has announced.

Mr. Bumbeck is presently an instructor at the Massachusetts College of Art. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree at the Rhode Island School of Design and earned his masters degree at Syracuse University.

The new Middlebury instructor has had one-man shows of his prints at George Walter Vincent Smith Museum, Springfield, Mass., and Emma Willard School, Troy, N. Y. His work, which has been exhibited at several shows and art festivals, is included in collections at the New York Public Library, Syracuse University, National Mint Museum, University of Colorado and Rochester Memorial Art Gallery.

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